

PATENT
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application:

Inventors: Thomas M. Brennan, et al.
Application No.: 10/602,998
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Title: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
PERFORMING LARGE NUMBERS OF
REACTIONS USING ARRAY ASSEMBLY**

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Examiner: Christopher M. Babic
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

M/S Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir or Madam:

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated February 12, 2007. The shortened statutory period for response expires on May 12, 2007. The Response is submitted prior to shortened statutory period for reply, therefore no extension fee is required to enter this Amendment. This deadline for response is a Saturday and this Response is made the next business day and is therefore considered timely under 37 C.F.R. § 1.7.

Prior to reconsidering this application on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

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Applicants **Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.